

Extended First Offender Program (EFOP) – A 9 Month Program

A State Approved Driving Under the Influence Program (DUI)

Who is Eligible?

- Those who have been convicted of a first driving under the influence offense **AND** have a blood alcohol level of .20 or higher within the past ten years.

How is a Referral Made?

The Court, DMV, or Probation may require completion of the program and the client may attend either:

- A licensed program in his/her county of residence; or
- A licensed program in the county of conviction.

What are the Program Services?

- The 9-month program is a continuous series of groups and education sessions that increase the level of awareness regarding problem drinking or alcoholism, and provides counseling, which will encourage participants to take responsibility for their own recovery. Sessions are held weekly.
- The program consists of:
 - Eight (8) 2-hour education classes.
 - Twenty-two (22) 2-hour group sessions.
 - Five (5) individual sessions.
 - Ten (10) AA or self-help meetings.

Program Regulations and Causes for Termination

- Excessive absences (7) or failure to maintain contact for 21 days.
- Failure to commence services within 21 days of enrollment.
- Failure to maintain program sobriety or to comply with County DUI rules and regulations.
- Failure to submit to a breath/urine test.
- Conviction of a new alcohol-related driving offense.

What are the Costs?

- The program fee is \$1,163 and may be paid in advance or on payment cycles every 7, 14, or 30 days.
- An \$88 intake fee plus a \$112 down payment, totaling \$200, is to be paid at the initial interview by cash, check, money order, or credit card (a portion of this fee is a State surcharge). The program will assess cases of extreme financial hardship. Additional charges will be assessed for missed scheduled sessions.

Failure to Pay: Non-payment of fees is a violation of this contract and probation status. Clients may be returned to court for non-payment. Minimum payments must be made according to the contract schedule. A fee of \$32 will be assessed for returned checks. If you fail to meet all of the financial obligations of this contract, your account will be turned over to the Probation Department Collection Unit for the enforcement of collection of this debt. Enforcement of collection may cause the amount of the debt to increase due to any necessary expenditures employed to satisfy this debt. Prior to any reinstatement to the program, all outstanding program and other fees must be paid in full.

Inability to Pay: Services will not be denied because of the inability to pay. The Program Supervisor or Specialist will determine fee arrangements on an individual basis based on verification of gross income.

Other Fees assessed:

- \$30 for a missed meeting
- \$41 for a Leave of Absence
- \$24 for a urine/drug screen
- \$73 to reinstate into the program, or transfer in/out of the county. Clients who transfer out will only pay for those services provided prior to the transfer

Court/DMV Reporting

- The Court may require periodic reports on any participant in the program.
- Upon program completion **and** the payment of all fees, the program returns a certificate of successful completion to the court of conviction and DMV. If the client fails to register or participate appropriately (see above causes for termination), notification of termination for non-compliance will be forwarded to the court of conviction and DMV.

Steps to Follow

- Go to the program office where you wish to register as soon as possible following referral. The office hours are, **Monday—Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.**
- Registration precedes program participation.
- Bring your court paperwork, violation date, and minimum \$200 fee to register.